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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A compression molding process for forming an isotropic thermotropic liquid crystalline part, comprising the steps:
 - (a) forming a molding composition of a powdered thermotropic liquid crystalline polymer, and optionally
 - (i) one or more other powdered resins; or
 - (ii) one or more fillers; or
 - (iii) one or more other powdered resins and one or more fillers;
 - (b) placing said molding composition into a mold or molding device;
 - (c) applying pressure, and sufficient heat to melt said thermotropic liquid crystalline polymer; and
 - (d) cooling said mold or molding device to solidify said thermotropic liquid crystalline polymer to form a solid-isotropic part~~wherein said heat and pressure of step (c) are applied in such a manner as to cause minimal melt flow and shear stress in the mold and thereby avoid the formation of an anisotropic part in step (d);~~
2. (Withdrawn) An apparatus, comprising, an isotropic part which comprises a thermotropic liquid crystalline polymer on which is mounted one or more electric or electronic components.
3. (Withdrawn) An improved process for reducing wear between a first part having a first surface comprising a thermoplastic, and a second part having a second surface, said first and second surfaces being in contact with one another and moving with respect to one another, wherein the improvement comprises, said first part being isotropic and comprising a thermotropic liquid crystalline polymer.
4. (Withdrawn) An article according to Claim 1 or 3 which are labrinyth seals, bearings, vacuum pump vanes, hot runner inserts, rolls, LCD sputtering holders,

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valves, thrust washers, computer chip contactors and nests or CMP retaining rings or components in semiconductor manufacturing, oil production, or clean room operation.

5. (New) An isotropic thermotropic liquid crystalline part made by the process of claim 1.
6. (New) The isotropic thermotropic liquid crystalline part of claim 5 with an apparent density as measured by the procedure of ASTM D792 of at least about 75% of the calculated density.
7. (New) The isotropic thermotropic liquid crystalline part of claim 5 with an apparent density as measured by the procedure of ASTM D792 of at least about 90% of the calculated density.
8. (New) The isotropic thermotropic liquid crystalline part of claim 5 with an apparent density as measured by the procedure of ASTM D792 of at least about 98% of the calculated density.